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## CIA Invokes Security Screen in Slander Suit

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BALTIMORE — The Central Intelligence Agency successfully invoked national security Thursday to screen questions put to one of its agents who is a defendant in a slander suit.

On the stand for the first time since he was named two years ago in the \$110,000 action, Juri Raus, 39, threaded his way through about 60 questions in U.S.

District Court without giving the answers most sought by counsel for the plaintiff, Erik Heine, 46.

The equalizer in the bitter battle between the two Estonian refugees was concurrence by the court's chief judge, Roszel C. Thomsen, in the defense position that Raus could not be required to answer questions about his work for CIA.

A top-level request for this stand came in an affidavit from CIA Director William F. Raborn. It backed defense claims that the alleged slander "grew out of Raus' CIA duties and said Raus was direct-

ed to refuse to answer questions relating to "intelligence sources and methods."

The hearing ended with out any final ruling by the judge on the merits of the government's request for dismissal of the suit on security grounds. Thomsen set May 13 to hear ar-

guments on the motion.

The suit was brought by Heine, now an employe of a woodworking plant in Rexdale, Ont., because Raus labeled him a "Soviet agent" before mem-

bers of the Legion of Estonian Liberation, a war veterans group. Raus headed the Legion in November, 1963, when the alleged slander was first committed.